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What's Happening?

Fed'l judge orders resumption of diversity lottery visas - AP

Months after SC ruling, thousands of DACA applicants remain in limbo - The Appeal

Trump admin seeks sweeping DNA collection of immigrants, US sponsors - Reuters

Fed'l court ensures undocumented immigrants are counted in 2020 census - AP

After pandemic pause, ICE resumes deportation arrests - NY Times

Trump admin finalizes virus immigration restriction rules - Law 360

DHS increases visa fees for touring foreign artists - NPR

US pressure causes Mexico to divert development funds to migration detention - AP

Medical services for detained migrants at risk as contract is set to expire - CNN

Trump considers excluding some immigrant children from pandemic border policy- BuzzFeed

Immigration office postpones staff furloughs to end of August - CNN

Action One: Prayer

God of our wandering ancestors, long have we known that your heart is with the refugee: that you were born into time in a family of refugees fleeing violence in their homeland, who then gathered up their hungry child and fled into an alien country. Their cry, your cry, resounds through the ages: "Will you let me in?" Give us hearts that break open when our brothers and sisters turn to us with that same cry. Then surely all these things will follow: Ears will no longer turn deaf to their voices. Eyes will see a moment for grace instead of a threat. Tongues will not be silenced but will instead advocate. And hands will reach out—working for peace in their homeland, working for justice in the lands where they seek safe haven. Lord, protect all refugees in their travels. May they find a friend in me and so make me worthy of the refuge I have found in you. Amen. (Catholic Relief Services)

Action Two: Calls/Letters

NATIONAL LEVEL - Reach out to the Senate: Those who want to vote by mail must be able to.

<https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/sign-the-petition-those-who-want-to-vote-by-mail-must-be-able-to?source=09092020swap-fan&referrer=group-franciscan-action-network&eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=c2f710a9-7f1c-4ff9-8832-40b7ede7aa0c>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Protect refugees and build back the US resettlement program -

<https://www.voterveice.net/JFI/campaigns/76982/respond>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Take Action now: Urge Congress to hold the admin accountable to resettling refugees -

<https://greateras1.org/take-action-now-urge-congress-to-hold-the-administration-accountable-to-resettling-refugees/>

NATIONAL LEVEL - USPS Board of Governors - Remove Louis DeJoy as Postmaster Genl.

<https://sign.moveon.org/petitions/board-of-governors-of-the-united-states-postal-service-remove-louis-dejoy>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Urge the Senate to extend the Census deadline.

https://www.dailykos.com/campaigns/petitions/sign-now-urge-the-senate-to-extend-the-census-deadline?detail=emailaction&link_id=0&can_id=03b6cd570a93aeb040c5391b4bcd3e28&source=email-sign-now-every-person-has-to-be-counted-2&email_referrer=email_901329&email_subject=add-your-name-put-pressure-on-the-senate-to-protect-the-census

NATIONAL LEVEL - Sign the petition: tell the Trump admin to welcome asylum seekers.

https://www.dailykos.com/campaigns/forms/sign-hias-petition-to-call-on-the-trump-administration-to-welcome-asylum-seekers?detail=emailaction&link_id=2&can_id=03b6cd570a93aeb040c5391b4bcd3e28&source=email-trump-administration-threatening-the-universal-right-to-asylum&email_referrer=email_908382&email_subject=sign-now-demand-the-trump-administration-welcome-asylum-seekers

NATIONAL LEVEL - Protect families from Covid19 and family separation, shut down the Berks County Detention Center -

https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/protect-families-from-covid19-shut-down-the-berks-county-detention-center?utm_source=Shut+Down+Berks+Mailing+List&utm_campaign=2541a75446

NATIONAL LEVEL - Pass the John Lewis Voting Rights Act of 2020. Sign the petition and demand the Senate approve the John Lewis Voting Rights Act of 2020.

https://www.dailykos.com/campaigns/petitions/pass-the-john-lewis-voting-rights-act-of-2020?detail=emailaction&link_id=1&can_id=03b6cd570a93aeb040c5391b4bcd3e28&source=email-we-can-honor-john-lewis-by-protecting-voting-rights-2&email_referrer=email_902604&email_subject=add-your-name-restore-the-voting-rights-act

NATIONAL LEVEL - Demand Trump admin fully restore the DACA program. DACA is critical for families.

https://www.dailykos.com/campaigns/petitions/daca-is-critical-program-for-families-we-need-to-defend-it?detail=emailaction&link_id=1&can_id=03b6cd570a93aeb040c5391b4bcd3e28&source=email-sign-on-protect-daca-2&email_referrer=email_888931&email_subject=add-your-name-make-daca-work

NATIONAL LEVEL - Urge the Senate to pass the Dream and Promise Act (HR 6) and reduce funding for ICE and CBP.

http://fpl.actionkit.com/sign/DACA-SCOTUS-response/?t=8&referring_akid=2223.48167.GScxWI

NATIONAL LEVEL - Sign this petition to Congress to stop funding ICE detention centers now!

https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/sign-the-petition-to-congress-stop-funding-ice-detention-centers-immediately?source=2020DefundICEDetentionCenters_DKc3s&redirect=https%3A%2F%2Fsecure.actblue.com%2Fdonate%2Fdkillpromigrant2020%3Frefcode%3D2020DefundICE&link_id=0&refcodeEmailReferrer=email_876510&can_id=03b6cd570a93aeb040c5391b4bcd3e28&email_referrer=email_876510&email_subject=sig natures-needed-no-more-taxpayer-dollars-to-detention-centers

Action Three: Education

Asylum seekers in Matamoros fear they'll be forgotten -

<https://www.dallasnews.com/news/immigration/2020/09/07/asylum-seekers-in-matamoros-fear-theyll-be-forgotten/>

Villanova University training immigration advocates online -

<https://universitybusiness.com/villanova-university-training-immigration-migrant-advocates-online-learning/>

Trump and Biden take sharply different paths on migration -

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-election-immigration-factbox/trump-and-biden-take-sharply-different-paths-on-immigration-idUSKBN2611VD>

Biden pledges to dismantle Trump's sweeping immigration changes -

<https://www.npr.org/2020/09/14/912060869/biden-pledges-to-dismantle-trumps-sweeping-immigration-changes-but-can-he-do-tha>

The Pandemic's assault on Latino political power -

<https://www.theatlantic.com/politics/archive/2020/09/pandemics-assault-latino-political-power/615979/>

Months after SC ruling, thousands of DACA applicants remain in limbo -

<https://theappeal.org/months-after-supreme-court-ruling-thousands-of-daca-applicants-and-recipients-remain-in-limbo/>

Action Four: Action

ONGOING: BROADVIEW FRIDAY MORNING VIGILS: The ICDI Broadview Prayer Vigil is still happening but we are doing it weekly online. As is customary, First Fridays are interfaith and other weeks we pray the rosary. Anyone who wants to get the meeting access information can email hello@icdichicago.org with a request.

Action Five: Social Media: (@ Sen/Rep) Looks like we are starting over with Covid19 relief aid. Let's call on member of Congress and demand a bill that includes immigrants and their families in Covid19 relief. We can do this. **Thank you for your efforts!**

